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Letter dated 21 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on 21 August 2015 and state the positions of the DPRK with regard to the latest development of a grave situation on the Korean Peninsula (see annexes).

First, with a reference to a letter dated 18 August 2015 from the south Korean permanent representative addressed to you (S/2015/642), the so-called "landmine incident" that took place on the southern side of the demilitarized zone on the Korean Peninsula on 4 August 2015 is the one totally fabricated by south Korea, which has nothing to do with the DPRK.

The Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea clarified in a statement on 14 August 2015 that this landmine incident fabricated by south Korea is none other than a conspiracy with the purpose of blaming the DPRK for escalation of tension on the Korean Peninsula (see annexes).

Second, south Korea's resumed psychological warfare broadcasting against the DPRK, under the pretext of the landmine incident, constitutes a clear violation of the 1953 Korean Armistice Agreement and existing agreements between the North and the South to stop any psychological warfare campaigns against each other. In a word, south Korea's psychological warfare broadcasting is an open act of war against the DPRK.

Since the North and the South are technically at war, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has every right to take necessary self-defensive measures in order to respond to unilateral provocations of war made by south Korea.

Third, south Korea has committed a gravest act of war by firing dozens of shells on the territory of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea under the pretext of non-existent "shelling" from the DPRK, thus bringing the situation on the Korean Peninsula to the brink of war.

On 20 August 2015, south Korea violently fired 36 shells on the territory of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea soon after they alleged that one bullet or shell from the DPRK had landed on the side of south Korea.

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To be clear, the DPRK has never fired any bullet or shell on south Korea. This so-called "shelling" from the DPRK is totally fabricated by south Korea, which is clearly elaborated in an urgent report dated 20 August 2015 released by the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army (see annexes).

All the above-mentioned facts clearly show that south Korea and the United States are acting according to their playbook of war scenario by way of fabricating a landmine incident and a shelling from the DPRK and resuming psychological warfare campaigns against the DPRK, in order to provoke a second Korean war during the nuclear pre-emptive joint military exercise of the Ulji Freedom Guardian.

Under the prevailing grave circumstances, an emergency enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea was convened on 20 August 2015, which issued an order of the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army that front-line combined units of the Korean People's Army should enter a wartime state to be fully battle ready to launch a strong military action unless south Korea stops psychological warfare campaigns and removes its means within 48 hours from 1700 hours on 20 August 2015.

In the light of the brink-of-war situation on the Korean Peninsula created by intentional provocations made by the United States and south Korea, which constitute a serious threat to international peace and security, I strongly request that the issues of south Korea's shelling on the DPRK and psychological warfare campaigns and of the U.S.-south Korea joint military exercises (see S/2015/650) be placed on the Security Council agenda and that a meeting of the Security Council be urgently held in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I also have the honour to request that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, a representative of the DPRK be allowed to participate in the meeting and to make a statement.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea will spare no efforts in order to defend its sovereignty, territory and people and ensure peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and beyond.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ja** Song Nam
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I to the letter dated 21 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement issued on 14 August 2015 by the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 14 August — "Mine explosion" of an unknown cause occurred in the vicinity of the south Korean puppet MP post in the southern portion of the demilitarized zone of the Military Demarcation Line in the area of Pangmok-ri, Kunnae-myon, Phaju City, Kyonggi Province on 4 August 2015.

The puppet forces announced right after the occurrence that plastic anti-personnel mine M-14, which was laid in the vicinity of the MP post in the southern portion of the demilitarized zone, went off due to strong torrential rain.

On 10 August, Kim Min Sok appeared at a press conference as a spokesman for the puppet Defence Ministry and asserted that the mine explosion occurred as the "north illegally crossed the Military Demarcation Line and deliberately laid wooden box mine".

The Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK issued a statement on Friday, 14 August 2015, as regards the fact that the south Korean puppet military, the puppet joint chiefs of staff and Chongwadae talked volumes about the mine explosion, labelling it "provocation from the north" and even the United Nations joined in the smear campaign against the DPRK.

The statement proved the hypocrisy of their absurd claim that parts of a wooden box mine produced by the puppet forces as "convincing evidence strongly smells of resin" and the "wooden box mine is from the north" and three "fresh springs are also from it".

There are too many instances to give the lie to the "provocation from the north" touted by the puppet forces, the statement said, and went on.

It is a bad habit of the south Korean puppet forces to groundlessly link whatever deplorable event occurs in south Korea with the north.

They seek a sinister aim whenever they orchestrate a ridiculous farce.

The recent case clearly proved that the Park Geun Hye group has made desperate efforts to pass the buck for the strained north-south relations to the DPRK and secure a pretext for justifying such moves to escalate the confrontation with the compatriots as an anti-DPRK leaflet scattering operation.

This was clearly evidenced by the fact that they resumed psychological warfare broadcasting to brand the recent case "as provocation from the north".

Taking advantage of the recent case, the puppet minister of Defence asked his American master to heighten the intensity of Ulji Freedom Guardian joint military exercises by introducing B-2 aircraft and F-22 aircraft to south Korea.

Aware of the curse and resentment of all compatriots at the projected saber-rattling targeting the north, the puppet forces are hyping "provocation" and "threat" from the north in a bid to justify the war exercises detrimental to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

Their much ado about provocation from the north is nothing but a last resort to calm down the strong criticism of the recent "mine explosion" in the demilitarized zone in the wake of war phobia, declining military discipline and various scandals rampant in the puppet army.

The puppet forces were so ridiculous as to woo the delegate of the DPRK into dialogue under the pretext of discussing the recent shocking case after faking it up.

Hateful was the behaviour of the U.S. joining in the above-said burlesque.

The DPRK has an inspection group of the National Defence Commission that guarantees impartiality and accuracy in making a military, scientific and technological investigation into the case.

The more loudly the Park Geun Hye group talks about provocation from the north, a fiction, the bitterer disgrace of being tricksters and liars it will face.

The army and people of the DPRK are watching with vigilance the provokers' ever more reckless confrontation row.

A reckless provocation is bound to invite a due punishment.

Annex II to the letter dated 21 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Urgent report dated 20 August 2015 released by the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army

Pyongyang, 20 August — The Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army issued the following urgent report on Thursday, 20 August 2015:

War maniacs of the south Korean puppet military made another grave provocation to the DPRK in the central western sector of the front on Thursday afternoon.

They perpetrated such reckless action as firing 36 shells at Korean People's Army civil police posts under the absurd pretext that the Korean People's Army fired one shell at the south side. Six shells of theirs hit the area near Korean People's Army civil police posts 542 and 543 and another 15 shells fell near Korean People's Army civil police posts 250 and 251.

There were no victims of the shelling provocation.

However, this reckless shelling on DPRK military posts, its inviolable territory, is a serious military provocation that can never be pardoned.

The gravity of the situation is that the south Korean puppet military didn't hesitate to make such provocation, though it has not yet confirmed where a shell allegedly fired by the Korean People's Army came from and where it fell in its side, unaware of whether it was an anti-aircraft gun shell or a bullet or a rocket or not.

Not long ago, the puppet war maniacs resumed the broadcasting for psychological warfare in all sectors of the front under the pretext of a doubtful mine explosion case. Today, they fired shells en masse towards the territory of the DPRK without scientific grounds. All of them are prompted by the insanity of the south Korean military war maniacs for provocation.

In view of the prevailing crucial situation, an emergency enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea will be convened on Thursday night.

We are now sharply following the south Korean puppet Defence Ministry's attitude towards the ultimatum of the Korean People's Army General Staff, which declared that a strong military action would be launched unless they stop the broadcasting for anti-DPRK psychological warfare and dismantle all means of psychological warfare within 48 hours.

Foolhardy provocation deserves harsh punishment.

The south Korean military war maniacs should behave with discretion, well aware of the retaliatory spirit running high among the angry servicepersons of the Korean People's Army front-line combined units.

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Emergency enlarged meeting of Workers' Party of Korea Central Military Commission convened

The situation of the country is now inching close to the brink of a war due to the continued anti-DPRK political and military provocations by the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean puppet forces.

The broadcasting for anti-DPRK psychological warfare, resumed by the south Korean puppet military gangsters in all sectors of the front under the pretext of the doubtful "mine explosion" case, which occurred in the demilitarized zone of the western sector of the front on 4 August, is still going on day and night. And the leaflet-scattering operation against the DPRK, kicked off with mobilization of die-hard reactionary organizations, has gone beyond a tolerance limit.

Psychological warfare against the DPRK is, in essence, an open act of war against it.

In this regard, on 20 August the General Staff of the Korean People's Army sent an ultimatum to the south Korean puppet Ministry of Defence that a strong military action would be launched at once unless it stopped the anti-DPRK broadcasting for psychological warfare and removed all psy-war means within 48 hours.

Nevertheless, the south Korean puppet military gangsters getting frantic in provoking the DPRK again invented a case of "shell fired by the north" on the afternoon of 20 August, Juche 104 (2015) and, under that pretext, fired dozens of shells on DPRK's inviolable territory, a reckless military action.

Such reckless political and military provocations on the part of the south Korean puppet military gangsters are driving the country to a war crisis.

Under the prevailing grave situation, an emergency enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea was convened on the night of 20 August.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Kim Jong Un, first secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea Central Military Commission, first chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army.

There were members present of the Workers' Party of Korea Central Military Commission, operations commanding officers of the Korean People's Army General Staff, commanders of the Korean People's Army front-line large combined units, senior officials of the State security and people's security organs, leading officials of the Workers' Party of Korea Central Committee and officials in charge of external affairs.

The meeting heard a report of the General Reconnaissance Bureau of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army on how the enemies committed the military provocation in the central western sectors of the front on the afternoon of

Thursday, its truth and their general movements. It examined the preparations for launching operations of the front-line large combined units of the Korean People's Army as of 2300 on Thursday and discussed a plan for the political and military counteractions to foil the enemies' moves for war. The meeting also examined and ratified the offensive operation plan of the Korean People's Army Front Command to launch a retaliatory strike and counter-attack on the whole length of the front all at once under an unavoidable situation.

The Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea approved the decision of the Korean People's Army General Staff in which it sent to the south Korean puppet Ministry of Defence an ultimatum at 1700 on Thursday that the Korean People's Army would launch a strong military action unless it stopped psychological broadcasting towards the north and dismantled all means for psychological warfare within 48 hours.

At the emergency enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Comrade Kim Jong Un issued an order of the supreme commander of the Korean People's Army that the front-line large combined units of the Korean People's Army should enter a wartime state to be fully battle ready to launch surprise operations and the area along the front be put in a semi-war state from 1700 on Friday.

Commanders were appointed and dispatched to the relevant sectors of the front to command military actions in the areas to destroy means for psychological warfare unless the enemies stopped the psychological broadcasting within 48 hours and put down their possible counteractions.

The meeting discussed the measures to convert the party and power bodies, working people's organizations, State security, people's security and judicial and prosecution organs, factories, enterprises, cooperative farms and other units in the relevant areas into the semi-war system as the semi-war state has been declared in the area along the front.

It also set forth the duties and tasks of officials in charge of external affairs to fully lay bare the truth about the prevailing situation caused by the enemies' undisguised and surprise aggression.

Annex IV to the letter dated 21 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on 21 August 2015

Pyongyang, 21 August — As already reported, the south Korean puppet forces perpetrated again such grave military provocation as firing dozens of shells into the area of the DPRK side in the area along the Military Demarcation Line on Thursday.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK said in a statement on Friday, 21 August 2015 in this connection.

The south Korean puppet forces claimed before any others that they made a retaliatory firing because the DPRK side fired one shell first, but this was a completely sheer lie and fabrication.

On Thursday, the DPRK side clarified that it did not fire even a single bullet or single shell at the enemy's side first nor any accidental firing.

The recent shelling incident unilaterally committed by the south Korean puppet forces was neither incidental nor an accident, but a carefully calculated provocation committed by themselves.

It is a trite method of the successive south Korean rulers to cook up a shocking incident in the area along the Military Demarcation Line whenever they face a crisis in a bid to divert the attention of the public at home and abroad elsewhere and seek a way out of it.

The recent incident was an undisguised provocation aimed to tide over their crisis, get a breathing spell and strain the situation on the Korean Peninsula to an extreme pitch of tension and thus spoil the other's festival.

The enemy cooked up the "mine explosion" case in an area along the Military Demarcation Line and resumed broadcasting for psychological warfare against the north under that pretext in a bid to rattle its nerve to the worst extent, while staging large-scale joint military exercises together with the U.S. By escalating the tension this way, they carried out the artillery firing after creating a psychological situation to make the international community think that the DPRK side might fire one shell first, and are now insisting it was "firing in retaliation" against the former's shelling.

However, the enemy were seriously mistaken this time.

They tried to divert elsewhere the attention of the world's people through the shelling, becoming unable to escape the fate of perishing in the flames kindled by themselves.

The General Staff of the Korean People's Army sent an ultimatum to the south Korean puppet Ministry of Defence at 1700, Pyongyang time, on 20 August that a strong military action would be launched unless it stopped the anti-DPRK broadcasting for psychological warfare and dismantled all psy-war means within 48 hours.

The Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea examined and ratified the offensive operation plan of the Korean People's Army Front Command to launch a retaliatory strike and counter-attack on the whole length of the front all at once. It also approved the decision of the Korean People's Army General Staff in which it sent an ultimatum to the south Korean puppet Ministry of Defence.

Supreme leader Kim Jong Un issued an order of the supreme commander of the Korean People's Army that the front-line large combined units of the Korean People's Army should enter a wartime state to be fully battle ready to launch surprise operations and the area along the front be put in a semi-war state from 1700 on Friday.

The situation, which has reached the brink of war, is now hardly controllable.

We have exercised our self-restraint for decades.

Now no one's talk about self-restraint is helpful to putting the situation under control.

The army and people of the DPRK are poised not to just counteract or make any retaliation but not to rule out an all-out war to protect the social system, their own choice, at the risk of their lives.